

1. [vav] *n*

1. 1) обет, клятва; зарок, торжественное обещание

lovers' vows - клятвы в верности (*влюблённых*)

the marriage vow - брачный обет

to break [to hold, to keep] a vow - нарушить [сдержать] обет /клятву/

to make a vow - дать обет /клятву, зарок/

to exchange vows - поклясться друг другу в верности

to be under a vow /to be bound by a vow/ to do smth. - поклясться сделать что-л.

I am under a vow to drink no wine - я дал зарок не пить вина

2) монашеский обет (*мж.* monastic vow)

the vow of chastity - обет безбрачия

to take the vows - постричься в монахи, принять монашество

2. *редк.*

1) мольба, молитва

2) мечта, страстное желание

2. [vav] *v*

1. 1) давать обет, клятву, зарок; клясться, торжественно обещать

to vow celibacy - дать обет безбрачия

to vow vengeance against smb. - поклясться отомстить кому-л.

2) торжественно обещать

the king vowed an abbey to God for the victory - король дал богу обет выстроить аббатство в случае победы

2. (to) посвящать (*кому-л., чему-л.*); обречь

to vow oneself to a life of self-sacrifice - посвятить себя служению другим

3. провозглашать, торжественно заявлять

she vowed that she was delighted - она заявила, что очень рада

to vow and protest - клятвенно заверять; \cong клясться всеми святыми

to vow and declare - торжественно обещать; дать торжественное обещание; торжественно провозгласить

vow

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

vow [vow vows vowed vowing] *noun, verb* BrE [vau] ^u NAmE [vaʊ] ^u**noun**

a formal and serious promise, especially a religious one, to do sth

- to **make/take a vow**
- to **break/keep a vow**
- to break your **marriage vows**
- Nuns take a **vow of** chastity.

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French *vou*, from Latin *votum* 'a vow, wish', from *vovere* 'to vow'; the verb is from Old French *vouer*.Collocations:**Marriage and divorce***Romance*

fall/be (madly/deeply/hopelessly) **in love** (with sb)
be/believe in/fall in love at first sight
be/find true love/the love of your life
suffer (from) (the pains/pangs of) unrequited love
have/feel/show/express great/deep/genuine affection for sb/sth
meet/marry your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend
have/go on a (blind) **date**
be going out with/ (especially NAmE) dating a guy/girl/boy/man/woman
move in with/live with your boyfriend/girlfriend/partner

Weddings

get/be engaged/married/divorced
arrange/plan a wedding
have a big wedding/a honeymoon/a happy marriage
have/enter into an arranged marriage
call off/cancel/postpone your wedding
invite sb to/go to/attend a wedding/a wedding ceremony/a wedding reception
conduct/perform a wedding ceremony
exchange rings/wedding vows/marriage vows
congratulate/toast/raise a glass to the happy couple
be/go on honeymoon (with your wife/husband)
celebrate your first (wedding) anniversary

Separation and divorce

be unfaithful to/ (informal) cheat on your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend
have an affair (with sb)
break off/end an engagement/a relationship

break up with/split up with/ (*informal*) dump your boyfriend/girlfriend
 separate from/be separated from/leave /divorce your husband/wife
 annul/dissolve a marriage
 apply for/ask for/go through/get a divorce
 get/gain/be awarded /have /lose custody of the children
 pay alimony/child support (to your ex-wife/husband)

Example Bank:

- He took a lifelong vow of celibacy.
- Nothing will persuade me to break this vow.
- She decided to leave the convent before taking her final vows.
- She kept her vow of silence until she died.
- The couple exchanged vows at the altar.
- a vow of poverty
- As a priest he had taken a vow of celibacy.
- She made a vow never to speak to him again.
- She would not be unfaithful to her marriage vows.
- The monks take a vow of silence.

verb

to make a formal and serious promise to do sth or a formal statement that is true

- ~ **to do sth** She vowed never to speak to him again.
- ~ **(that)...** He vowed (that) he had not hurt her.
- ~ **sth** They vowed eternal friendship.
- + **speech** 'I'll be back,' she vowed

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	vow
	BrE /vəʊ/ NAmE /vɑːz/
he / she / it	vows
	BrE /vəʊz/ NAmE /vɑːz/
past simple, past participle	vowed
	BrE /vəʊd/ NAmE /vɑːd/
-ing form	vowing
	BrE /vəʊɪŋ/ NAmE /vɑːɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **vou**, from Latin **totum** 'a **vow, wish**', from **vovere** 'to **vow**'; the verb is from Old French **vouer**.

Example Bank:

- He silently vowed vengeance on them all.
- I vowed never to drink so much again.
- She vowed to herself that she would not show any emotion.

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I. **vow**¹ /vəʊ/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: vou, from Latin votum; ⇒ †vote²]

1. a serious promise ⇒ **oath**
 " Jim made a vow that he would find his wife's killer.
2. a religious promise that you will do something for God, the church etc:
 " a monk who had taken a vow of poverty
3. **vows** [plural]
 - a) (also **marriage /wedding vows**) the promises you make during your wedding
 - b) the promises you make when you become a Catholic priest or †nun

COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **make a vow** I made a vow never to go near the place again.
- **take a vow** (=make a vow at a formal ceremony) Priests have to take a vow of obedience to the Catholic Church.
- **keep a vow** (=do as you promised) She kept her vow not to tell anyone about their affair.
- **break a vow** (=fail to do as you promised) She accused him of breaking his marriage vows.
- **exchange vows** (=make promises to each other as part of a wedding ceremony) They wanted to exchange vows before their family and friends.
- **renew your vows** (=have a second wedding ceremony to repeat your promises) Fifty couples celebrated their golden weddings and renewed their vows at a cathedral service in Chicago.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + vow**

▪ **a solemn vow** (=a very serious vow, which you must keep) He made a solemn vow that he would do everything he could to help her.

▪ **marriage/wedding vows** She wrote her own marriage vows.

▪ **a holy/sacred vow** When we get married in church we are making sacred vows.

phrases

▪ **a vow of silence/poverty/celebrity etc** People close to him have finally broken their vow of silence.

▪ **be bound by a vow** (=to have promised seriously to do something) She told him she was bound by a vow not to tell any other person.

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▪ **promise** a statement that you will definitely do or provide something, which may not be reliable: 'I'll call you tomorrow.' 'Is that a promise?' | Politicians are always making promises.

▪ **pledge** a public or official promise to do a particular thing in the future: The Government has fulfilled at least 50% of its election pledges. | We have received pledges of help from various organizations.

▪ **vow** a very serious promise to do something or not to do something that you choose to make: He made a vow never to drink alcohol again. | your marriage vows

▪ **oath** a formal promise, especially one that someone makes in a court of law: Witnesses swear a solemn oath to tell the truth. | Public officials must take an oath to support the US Constitution.

▪ **undertaking** a serious or public promise to do something, especially something difficult which needs a lot of effort or money: The police have given an undertaking to reduce street crime in the city centre. | He was made to sign a written undertaking that he would not go within a mile of her house.

▪ **assurance** a promise that something will happen or is true, made so that someone is less worried or more confident: You have my assurance that it won't happen again. | The manager gave me his personal assurance that the goods would be delivered today.

▪ **guarantee** a very definite promise that something will happen. A guarantee is also a formal written promise by a company to repair or replace a product free if it has a fault within a fixed period of time.: With any diet, there's no guarantee of success. | I'm afraid I can't give you a 100% guarantee. | Is the camera still under guarantee (=within the period during which it can be repaired or replaced free)?

II. **vow**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [transitive]

1. to make a serious promise to yourself or someone else **SYN** **promise**

vow to do something

" Supporters have vowed to continue the protest until Adams is released.

vow (that)

" I vowed that I would never drink again.

2. **formal** to make a religious promise that you will do something for God, the church etc

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▪ **promise** to tell someone that you will definitely do something, or that something will happen: He promised to give the book back. | The organisers have promised that this year's event will take place.

▪ **swear** to make a very serious and sincere promise, for example in a law court: He had sworn to tell the truth. | I would never do that, I swear.

▪ **give somebody your word** *especially spoken* to promise sincerely that you will do something or that something is true – often used when you are trying to persuade someone that they can trust you: I give you my word that your money is safe with me. | I'll let you go out tonight if you give me your word that you'll be home by 11.

▪ **vow** to make a very serious promise, often to yourself: She vowed that she would never drink alcohol again. | They vowed to carry on their campaign for justice.

▪ **assure** to promise someone that something will happen or that something is true, in order to try to make them feel less worried: Police have assured the public that they are doing everything they can to find the killer.

▪ **guarantee** to promise that you will make sure that something will definitely happen, so that there is no question of it not happening: I guarantee that you will have the documents by tomorrow. | How can you guarantee that this won't happen again?

▪ **pledge** to promise publicly or officially that you will do something, for example to give help or money: The government has pledged to increase overseas aid to \$4 billion over the next five years.

▪ **undertake** *formal* to make an official or legal promise to do something: The government undertook to keep price increases to a minimum. | The two sides undertook to respect each other's territory.

▪ **commit to something** *formal* to make a firm and definite promise to do something important, which will affect you for a long time and which could result in serious effects if you fail: Bobby felt unready to commit to a romantic relationship. | A group of 11 companies has committed to developing a new passenger plane.

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